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WORK FORCE ENGAGED IN PUBLIC SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Employment and Training has conducted any survey in regard to total work force engaged in public sector including telecom industries as on October, 2002;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) the extent to which it is likely to be increased/decreased as compared to October, 1996;

(d) the steps taken/propose to be taken by the Government to minimize unemployment in the country; and

(e) the manner in which the disinvestments has been responsible for increasing the unemployment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

a) to c) The Directorate General of Employment and Training collects information on the employmentin the organised sector (both public and private) on a quarterly basis as part of its Employment Market Information (EMI) Programme. EMI data covers only those establishments which have a fixed location. As per the available information, the estimated employment in the public sector as on June, 1996 and June, 2000 (latest available) was of the order of 193.9 lakh and 192.3 lakh respectively.

d) The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

e) All decisions of the Government relating to disinvestments do not automatically have a direct impact on the jobs of the employees of the concerned Public Sector company. When the decision involves a strategic sale with the transfer of management and control of the company, the issues relating to employees assume importance and the concerns are appropriately addressed in the terms and conditions of sale.